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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ALLEN MORSLEY,

Plaintiff,

Civil No. 3:13-CV-1173

V.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

(Judge Kosik)

Defendants.

→ ORDER

AND NOW, THIS 3/ DAY OF JULY, 2014, IT APPEARING TO THE COURT THAT:

- (1) Plaintiff, Allen Morsley, an inmate who was housed at the United States
  Penitentiary-Canaan, Pennsylvania, brought an action against the United States
  pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act;
- (2) The basis of the action was the alleged negligence of the prison in serving chicken fajitas that contained salmonella bacteria;
- (3) The action, along with others, was assigned to Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson for oversight;
- (4) Following mandatory mediation, this case was reported settled and was dismissed (Doc. 16);
- (5) Plaintiff filed a "Re-newed Motion to Enforce Breached Settlement and for Compensation" (Doc. 26) and the United States responded (Doc. 27);
- (6) On May 7, 2014, the Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation (Doc. 28), recommending that the Motion be denied:
- (7) Specifically, the Magistrate Judge discusses the Treasury Offset Program, which provides for the eligibility of a wide array of payments, including the instant settlement, to offset prior debts, and he discusses the due process protections afforded by the program;

- (8) The Magistrate Judge concluded that Plaintiff's Motion, which seeks to challenge an offset involving his settlement of this action, fails as a matter of law, and that the Motion to enforce the settlement should be denied;
  - (9) No Objections were filed to the Report and Recommendation; AND, IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT:
- (10) If no objections are filed to a Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, the plaintiff is not statutorily entitled to a <u>de novo</u> review of his claims. 28 U.S.C.A.§636(b)(1)(C); <u>Thomas v. Arn.</u> 474 U.S. 140, 150-53 (1985). Nonetheless, the usual practice of the district court is to give "reasoned consideration" to a magistrate judge's report prior to adopting it. <u>Henderson v. Carlson</u>, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987);
- (11) We have considered the Magistrate Judge's Report and we concur with his recommendation;

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Martin C.
  Carlson filed May 7, 2014 (Doc. 28) is ADOPTED; and
- (2) The Plaintiff's "Re-newed Motion to Enforce Breached Settlement and for Compensation" (Doc. 26) is **DENIED**.

Edwin M. Kosik

United States District Judge